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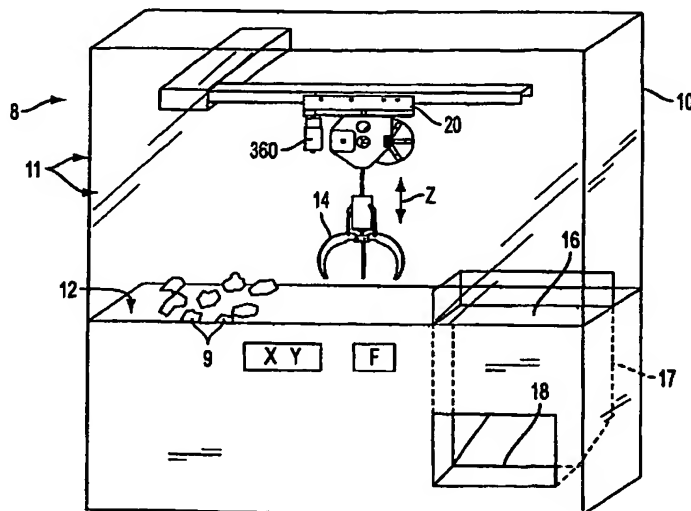
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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to coin-operated crane games. A player remotely controls the location of the claw above the prizes to a desired location and the claw (14) is then lowered toward the prizes. The playfield surface (12) on which the prizes are distributed can be vertically moved as the prizes are withdrawn to maintain the appearance that the container is substantially full of prizes. The drive mechanism that moves the playfield surface includes a motor (101) coupled to a drive belt (103) that drives a threaded nut (107). As the nut is driven, opposite threads on a threaded rod (109) are engaged and the rod is caused to move upward or downward. One end of the threaded rod is received in a bushing (111) on the bottom surface of the playfield surface. The game also includes a motor for rotating the claw with respect to the playfield surface and an air powered claw device.



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